

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 198

Topic: Family and Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

When was the decision made to not proceed with the planned increase in Family Tax Benefit Part A announced in the 2012-13 Budget?

- a. Did this decision come from the Minister's office, or from the office of the Treasurer or the Finance Minister?
- b. When was the Department first advised that the planned increase would not be proceeding?
- c. How far advanced was the Department in preparing the relevant legislation required for these changes when it was advised the increase would not be proceeding?

Answer:

It is not appropriate for the Department to provide information regarding the deliberations of Government as part of the 2012-13 Budget process.

- a. The decision was made by the Government.
- b. It is not appropriate for the Department to provide information regarding the deliberations of Government as part of the 2012-13 Budget process.
- c. Draft legislation had been prepared but not settled when the Department was advised the increase was not proceeding.